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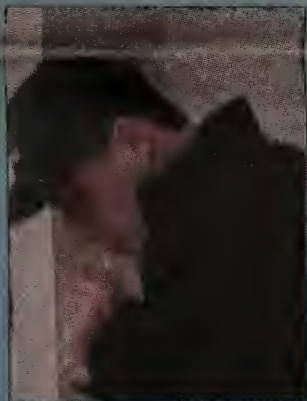
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New foundation to raise money

By Walerian Czarnecki

Conestoga College will need \$45 million to provide new equipment and buildings to meet an influx of an additional 2,000 to 2,500 students, as Ontario's post-secondary education system prepares for a flood of students in the next decade.

To meet this need, the college will not only petition the Ontario government for funds through the SuperBuild Growth Fund, but will also develop the Conestoga Foundation.

Conestoga president John Tibbits says the process of establishing the Conestoga Foundation is underway, so the community can be approached for donations.

It will be used to increase scholarships and bursaries, said Tibbits.

This will involve a large network of volunteers and a specific structure to operate, said Tibbits.

The first meeting to look at establishing the Conestoga Foundation will be held Feb. 10.

"The college will grow dramatically in the next 10 years for a number of reasons," said Tibbits.

There is an increase in the number of 18- to 24-year-olds, as well as the "double cohort" when both Grade 12 and 13 students graduate in 2003.

Tibbits said the Canadian econo-

my is booming and the K-W area is also experiencing a lot of growth.

"It's the second fastest growth area outside of Toronto in Ontario," he said.

If Conestoga College's request to grant applied degrees is approved, then it could double full-time enrolment, said Tibbits.

"It's possible that Conestoga could double in size in the next 10 years," he said. "If that's the case then we need a significant investment."

Tibbits said the college has requested \$39 million from the provincial government to help with its expansion plans, which include a new Waterloo campus.

Another factor is that computer technology, both hardware and software, changes rapidly.

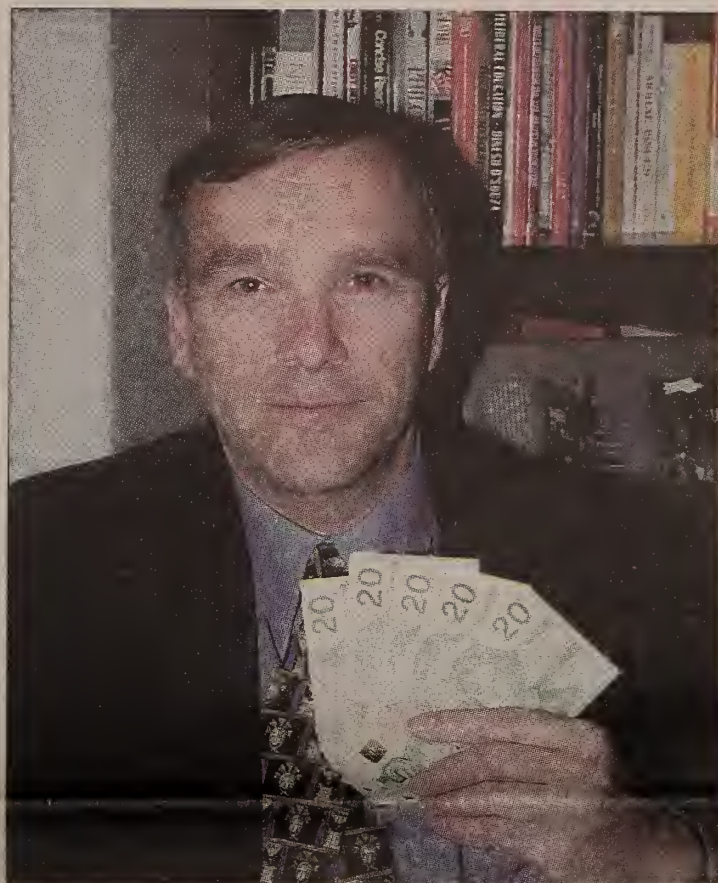
In this respect, fund-raising, both from the public and private sector, will become more important to the college, said Tibbits.

"We will need to see some funding from the government too, not just the private sector," he said.

Tibbits cites the example of Automation Tool Systems that hires many Conestoga robotics graduates.

They invested in the college by giving \$1-million cash to expand the facilities and by donating new equipment.

"That went a long way. That way we could double the size of



Conestoga president John Tibbits wants to develop partnerships with major companies that will invest in the growth of Conestoga College. (Photo by Walerian Czarnecki)

the program," said Tibbits.

Another example is Linemar. They hire many Conestoga machining graduates so they donated \$450,000, but just as important is they got the college machining equipment for 35 per cent of what it would have cost.

"The rest of the 65 per cent is like a donation," said Tibbits.

Tibbits said instead of going out and asking for money, the college wants to establish partnerships

with vocational companies.

"If Linemar says 'We need more machinists. We like what you're doing, but we want to make sure those machinists are trained on the top machines, because we use top machines,' they should invest in the college so those wants can be met," said Tibbits.

"The principal direction is along the lines of partnerships," he said. "When you do establish successful partnerships they breed."

Former founder, leader and president dead

By Pamela Hopwood

Conestoga College's founding president, Dr. James W. Church, died Jan. 8 at the age of 83.

"Dr. Church was really the individual that made Conestoga College," says Jack Williams, who worked at the school in finance operations during the time Church was president.

Jim Church was appointed president in 1967, when the college was really just a field of portable classrooms.

He remained president until 1974, when he resigned in the midst of controversy.

"He was the mover, he was the architect, he was the designer and he was the academic. He was

everything rolled into one," says Williams. "In the beginning, there was really nothing there. Dr. Church was very instrumental in locating the site, in building the complex and also building up the academic stature of the college."

Williams says Church also helped select the land for the school, which was paid for in part by the government and donated by the City of Kitchener.

"When the college started, there were 21 portables," says Williams. "We had to put in our own septic



Church

system because there were no sewers. And, the early childhood education program was in a farmhouse down the road.

"Church was always on the scene, morning to night. We spent a lot of time at the college when it first started. The board meetings were every week and we often went until two in the morning. A 70-hour week was normal," says Williams.

"In '67 we didn't know where we were going. We had no curriculum and no textbooks," says David Putt, director of physical resources. Church hired Putt in 1972. "Faculty members coming in today have course outlines, developed curriculum, and detailed information on where

everything fits."

Church went through one of the most difficult periods because the colleges weren't defined, says Putt. "Church probably, as president and CEO, had a hell of a lot more problems at that time, because it was an age of experiment," he says. "It was really a challenging time."

With the growing pains of a new institution came controversy. When Church resigned from the presidency in 1974, the government was conducting a study into allegations of mismanagement at the college.

Many people related Church's resignation to the imminent release of the findings.

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Church a 'visionary'

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"It's unfortunate, but relatively few (staff members) were able to make enough of a case to call for a commission," says Aubrey Hagar, who worked as director of academic and college planning at Conestoga from 1969 – 1986.

"It was a sad day for me when Dr. Church resigned. I thought that he was doing an excellent job," says Hagar. When Church resigned, "he cited overwork and said the time seemed appropriate for the resignation," the Record reported.

"I think he recognized that things change," says John Goddard, who replaced Church temporarily. The college was changing from a new organization that was developing in a lot of different ways to one that was starting to get a little more set in its ways.

"They were also starting to look more at the financing of issues," says Goddard, "and I don't think he really liked the administrative

side of things too much."

"He (Church) did have a good career thereafter. He went on to Memorial University in Newfoundland and later returned to the University of Waterloo, where he taught before he was president," says Hagar.

Putt says Church's many experiences gave him a unique perspective on education.

"Jim Church started as an apprentice and ended up as a doctor. The guy spanned the whole spectrum of the system.

"He had a wider grasp of what was happening than people who started right out of university. He was in the woodworking area, designing radars, and he was involved in building Lancaster bombers," says Hagar. "He never lost appreciation for the basic skills needed for the trades. He was very much in touch."

Andy Clow, dean of business at Conestoga College, remembers Church as "quite a visionary."

Clow worked at the Waterloo Adult Education Centre in 1965 until it was taken over by the college in 1969, under the direction of Church.

"Dr. Church was probably beyond what a lot of people could understand at the time," Clow says. "He envisioned things like people being able to learn from their homes through their televisions."

Williams had firsthand experience with Church's innovation.

"I had met Dr. Church once prior to coming to Conestoga, at the University of Waterloo. At that time, in the mid '60s, he was innovative in the area of teaching by television. In fact, I taught a lesson on a television apparatus that he had developed."

Williams recalls Dr. Church's apparatus was a camera situated above a table which allowed teachers to write notes on regular paper and have it broadcast to many classrooms.

"I thought it was great. I didn't

have to write on blackboards," he says. "It was much easier for people to see and observe."

Not a lot really developed at Conestoga in the area of teaching by television.

"He had some ideas that were way ahead of his time, but they just didn't pan out," says Putt, adding part of the reason is that faculty had trouble embracing some of Church's modern ideas.

"If you ever get a chance to look in the panels up in the mechanical spine, you'll see miles and miles of blue television cable that was originally laid in the '70s, for teaching by television," says Putt. "At that time, 30 years ago, that was quite a novel approach."

"Not having to be in locked step with everyone else was something that he was in favour of," says Goddard. "I have a feeling that he believed in everyone having a chance to get an education, regardless of what position they had before."

Goddard studied under Church at the University of Toronto in the late '40s.

He says Church, as a teacher, was very responsive to students' needs and he was prepared to spend time to help them learn.

"He was all for helping people and really devoted to the whole idea of people being able to better themselves," says Goddard.

He believed that if people, given the opportunity, had lots of ability to develop new ideas themselves, he says.

"He encouraged people to learn how to learn. He had good relationships with the staff, and he was always willing to listen to people," he says.

Hagar agrees. "His door was always open to staff and to students."

"Without him, Conestoga College would never have survived," says Williams. "He was really the engine that made the rest of the train go."

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what's good
for you**

Conestoga loses third president

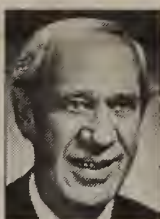
Kenneth E. Hunter passed away in Santa Cruz at the age of 77

Compiled by Pamela Hopwood

Dr. James Church is the second former president of Conestoga College to die recently. Conestoga's third president, Kenneth E. Hunter, died Nov. 11, 1999, at the age of 77.

The Doon campus recreation centre is named for Hunter, who was a geophysicist and aerospace engineer. He attended the University of Toronto and obtained his BA in science in 1948 and his MA in geophysics in 1949.

He travelled the world surveying for Newmont Mining Company and working for a



Hunter

company called Hycon, which manufactured reconnaissance (or survey) cameras.

Hunter became president of the company in 1963.

In his travels he saw parts of South America, Germany, Turkey and Japan,

took photos and collected art and artifacts.

Under Hunter, Hycon worked on cameras for Apollo 13 and for the SR-71, "the fastest and highest-flying jet ever built," reported the

Globe and Mail.

Hunter left Hycon in 1971.

He became president of Conestoga in 1974, following a short term by John Goddard, who stepped in temporarily after Church's resignation.

Through Hunter's 13 years at the college, enrolment increased dramatically. He was also instrumental in raising support for the recreation centre.

When Hunter retired in 1987 he moved to Santa Cruz, Calif. He is survived by four children and two grandchildren.

No Y2K trouble at Doon

By Tannis Fenton

After a lot of anxiety and preparation, the new millennium rolled around without any major problems at Conestoga College.

Tony Pimenoff, director of information technology services at Conestoga College, said everything went smoothly when the year turned over.

"Not because there was no problem, but because it was addressed properly," he said.

The college began Y2K preparations in September 1998 by organizing a four-person committee that assessed millennium issues.

The college first assessed what the implications would be with all the possible problems, said Pimenoff.

"We looked at the critical systems first like the heating, air conditioning and lighting, ensuring that we'd have heat and the essentials," he said.

Less critical systems like networking, computer and desktop systems were then considered, Pimenoff said.

"There were some software platforms that needed to be upgraded," he said. "The Novell servers had to be upgraded."

Pimenoff gives credit to his support staff, whom he said did a fantastic job preparing for Y2K.

"My staff was in over the holidays for a certain amount of time preparing all the PCs," he said, adding that they upgraded approximately 450 computers.

Altogether, Conestoga College spent about \$20,000 preparing for Y2K.

"We didn't anticipate too many serious, critical issues and it turns out we haven't encountered any," said Pimenoff, who added he set aside the first few weeks of January to deal with Y2K issues, but none have filtered up to him.

Other colleges in Ontario had similar results with Y2K.

Bob Botham, director of computing and network services at Humber College in Toronto, said nothing of major consequence happened after the new year at Humber.

However, he said, some software that was tested for glitches showed some errors when 2000 rolled around and the problem had to be fixed.

"The biggest problem was the fax machine, which went to the year 1900," Botham said, adding the date was fixed manually.

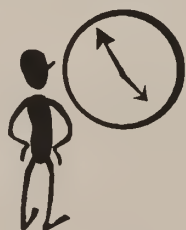
Mohawk College in Hamilton experienced no Y2K problems because all software and hardware was updated before Christmas, said Shannon McDaniel, a college helpdesk attendant in computer services.

With the Y2K problem fixed, Conestoga College is preparing for another possible computer glitch in February because this is a leap year.

"The problem there is basically certain systems. If they're not Y2K compliant, they will not recognize that this is a leap year," said Pimenoff.

Computers that don't recognize Feb. 29 will switch over to March 1 one day early, he said, adding this won't be a serious issue.

TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP



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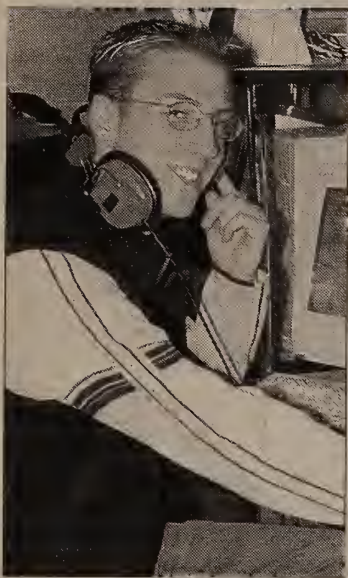
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Adaptive software available in lab



Chad Allison, adaptive technology specialist, checks software at Jan. 16 open house.
(Photo by P. Hopwood)

By Pamela Hopwood

An open house held Jan. 16 provided a good chance for members of the community to learn what adaptive software is available in the literacy lab for special needs students.

Paul Jurchuk of Kitchener found the open house an "ideal opportunity." His son Brian was testing out some of the software.

"It's been very valuable to find out about the different programs and see how he interacts with them," Jurchuk said. "Knowing this facility is here makes it more likely that Brian will come (to Conestoga)."

Rick Casey, secondary school liaison counsellor for special needs services at Conestoga College, said that the purpose of

the open house was really two-fold.

"We're giving people the opportunity to get hands-on experience with adaptive technologies," said Casey, "but we're also hoping that if someone buys this equipment, by the time the student gets here, they'll be more prepared."

Casey said buying software is like buying a car. "You want to take it for a test drive."

Two Conestoga students who work in the literacy lab were helping visitors and demonstrating equipment.

Chad Allison and Jeremy Birch are adaptive technology specialists (ATS).

"We're here to train any students how to use equipment that will help them," said Allison.

One program they demonstrated was Dragon Dictate, which allows the user to control commands such as opening and closing programs as well as speak words onto the screen as type.

Another was Kurzweil 3000. Birch said this program is valuable for visually impaired students or students with attention deficit disorder.

Using highlighted words and even speaking out loud, the program helps users keep track of what they're reading, Birch said. Entire textbooks can be loaded on the program.

Whenever the lab is open, there is an ATS and a peer tutor in the lab. Students must be referred to the lab by a special needs services counsellor.

Marion Mainland, co-ordinator

of special needs services, informed about 15 people who showed up for the open house about special bursaries available for students who need special needs equipment. The Disabled Student Bursary can amount to \$7,000.

Students must qualify for OSAP to get special needs bursaries, however, and special needs services is lobbying to change this.

The good thing for special needs students who have their own equipment is they get to take it with them when they graduate.

That way, says Mainland, "a student can say to an employer, 'I have this disability, but I come with the equipment I need to do the job.'"

Group is set for celebration

By Donna Ryves

Conestoga's Women's Resource Group is holding its second annual Celebrating Women at Conestoga in honour of International Women's Day.

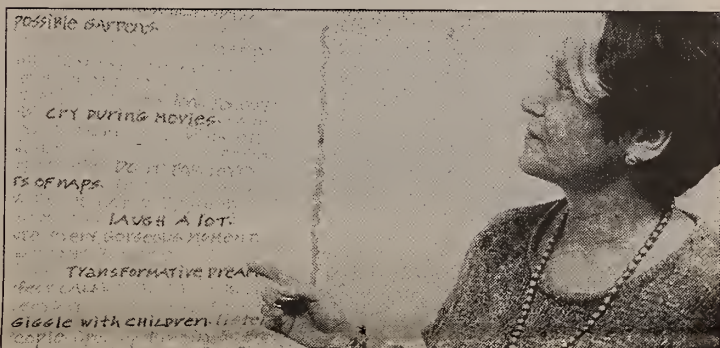
The dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 7, in the Waterloo campus dining room.

Dinner service is at 6 p.m. and the cash bar is open from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are limited and may be purchased for \$22 and after Feb. 14 for \$24 at the registrar's office and alumni services at the Doon campus. They are also available at the Cambridge, Guelph, Stratford and Waterloo campuses.

The price includes tax, gratuity and entertainment. Donations from the proceeds will go to local charities.

Entertainment includes Donna McCaw, an author/comedian who has written books and essays



Joan Magazine, of the Women's Resource Group, displays an inspirational poster, which she believes will motivate her group.
(Photo Donna Ryves)

about women's lives and Conestoga professor Nancy Hamacher, a general arts and science faculty member, and her Sweet Adeline quartet.

The entertainment starts at 5:45 p.m.

The event was one of the things discussed at the group's meeting held Jan. 6.

Allocation of provincial funding for women's resources and

activities to promote campus safety for women and to prevent violence against women was discussed.

The group also decided to support guest speaker Sue Johanson, a sex educator, who has been asked to speak to students by the DSA on Feb. 11 in the Sanctuary between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Johanson will speak about safe sex and healthy relationships.

Conestoga parking shouldn't be chaotic

By Anna Sajfert

Finding a parking spot on Doon campus shouldn't compare to the parking confusion in downtown Toronto on a Saturday night.

If students would notify the college's security office when they were leaving the college either permanently or temporarily, parking would be better regulated, according to Al Hunter, supervisor of security services.

One hundred and fifty semester parking decals for lots 3 and 11 were sold before the Christmas break, he said. The lots are located behind the new woodworking centre and the ATS building.

Students who park in illegal areas such as fire exits and close to fire hydrants are given \$15 parking tickets, with every penny going to the City of Kitchener, said Hunter.

Security has since issued a waiting list for people to sign so security can notify them of future parking vacancies.

These individuals will be contacted after Jan. 21 when lot vacancies have been surveyed, said Hunter.

"Students come in all the time saying the lots have vacancies and are only half full," Hunter said. "But it only seems so right now because some students are away either because they are in school part time or because their classes start in February," he said.

Hunter added some students start earlier than others, such as the students in the trades and apprenticeship program, which began Jan. 3.

"We're also expecting 100 nursing students in February," he said. "But I know for a fact that we have extra space."

New program to help meet demand

By Adam Wilson

The new systems analyst program offered by Conestoga College has been getting positive feedback, according to Tony Pimenoff, director of information technology services.

The course, which began in September 1999, was offered when it became apparent there would be a shortage of systems analysts in the near future, said Pimenoff.

The course is offered at the Information Technology Centre in Waterloo.

The college's Web site describes the program as a traditional systems analyst program where the students will learn business and technical background in computer applications, database, data communications, programming and systems.

The site also says students will gain experience in troubleshoot-

ing, configuring and operating data communications systems as well as modifying programs for the employment of databases in various business environments.

"The course was offered when it became apparent there would be a shortage of systems analysts in the near future."

*Tony Pimenoff,
director of information
technology services*

Designing, inputting, extracting and formatting are some of the skills students will acquire in this program, which has been very successful so far.

"We had a full intake in September and are starting a

smaller one this semester," said Pimenoff.

The full-time program runs for 28 weeks and has been designed as a post-graduate certificate program.

There is a maximum enrolment of 30 students per intake. Tuition for this program is \$3,200, which does not include other expenses such as books or supplies.

Students taking this program are required to be a college or university graduate or have equivalent work experience in the field.

They must have programming education or experience with writing languages such as "C" or Visual Basic or programming ability using Q Basic or Access.

The college offers courses in "C" and Visual Basic for students who require the courses before starting the systems analyst program. The "C" is also offered by the college on the Internet.

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Athletes are not above any law

Professional athletes and their sports are good for a community. They bring in lots of money for surrounding business, give a city prestige and add another facet to the city's culture. Most important of all, sports are great entertainment for fans.

The sports business exists to entertain fans. Its commitment is to the fans, who are the customers. Athletes get paid for the entertainment service they provide, not just for showing up to play the game. Sports, whether looked upon as entertainment, a product or a service, is dependent upon the fans.

In the past few years, sports and its athletes have become more important than the fans. The sports business makes claims to its own importance so much that it can blackmail cities for new facilities.

Athletes use their popularity to extort millions from owners who need them to play to draw the fans, which raises the costs astronomically.

Something has to be done.

Some athletes who are paid millions to shoot a rubber puck on ice believe they have no commitment to those fans that pay and that they can do whatever they want to meet their own needs.

Alexei Yashin of the Ottawa Senators signed a \$3.6-million contract, but is holding out for more than \$12 million, according to Maclean's magazine.

Instead of playing and making that money and honouring his contract for fans that paid to see the star play, he'd rather sit out the season and wait to be traded.

Keith Primeau of the Carolina Hurricanes is another player who also shafted his team by sitting out this season to hold out for more money.

He is seeking a four-year, \$17 million US contract from the Hurricanes.

Both players' teams have told them that they won't be welcomed back for the rest of the season and there is no chance of a trade.

The players' agents support these renegade players. Primeau's agent, Don Reynolds, told Canadian Press he believes the player's suspensions are a way to impose a salary cap.

A \$27.5-million suit has been filed on behalf of Ottawa Senators season-ticket holders against Yashin for loss of enjoyment.

The Superior Court of Ontario ruled on Jan. 5 that the lawsuit against Yashin can proceed.

This is the first time fans have been allowed to sue a player who did not honour a contract with his team.

If this lawsuit is successful, it will be a good thing for fans.

No longer will athletes do what they want, just because of the high price tag attached to their skills.

Sports are big business. In business contracts are to be honoured. Whoever signs one can't change things on a whim and this includes athletes.

The outcome of this lawsuit could put the athletes in their place. If the fans win, athletes will realize they are not bigger than the sport, above the law, or so important they can ignore fans.

This lawsuit could stop many from making ludicrous contractual demands. Athletes who are sued could realize that they have some responsibility to uphold their part of a contract. They may even learn how to act like decent citizens.



"Judgement is for the plaintiffs.
Get your butt back on the ice, sir!"

Violence is unacceptable

The nature of crime should horrify everyone

When I was growing up my parents warned me, "Don't talk to strangers," and "Don't let anyone know we are out and you are alone."

The precautions became much more serious as I got older.

Being female, I was overloaded with horrible rape, abduction and abuse stories, but the risk of being overly paranoid and letting these unknown terrors take over my life led me to the conclusion that I shouldn't let my fear stop me from doing what I want to do.

The recent attack on a 19-year-old woman in her home raised fears I didn't know I had. It con-



Tracy Ford

cerns me that the issue of violence doesn't go away.

The 19-year-old, who hasn't been named because she has been the victim of a sexual assault, was attacked by acquaintances, whom she had allowed into her east end Kitchener apartment.

Seven other people were in the apartment during the three-hour attack but only four have been charged because of their involvement.

The victim was punched in the face, hit with a frying pan, kicked in the neck and stomach and had her head slammed against the wall.

She had recently found out she was pregnant and suffered a miscarriage because of the attack.

She had a mixture of whiskey,

Comet cleaning powder, liquid dish soap and salt poured into her mouth and rubbed into her hair.

The attack ended when the victim's roommate returned home to find the group in the apartment.

The reason for the attack was that the victim didn't help one of the attacker's friends in an earlier incident downtown.

The fact that it was a woman who was attacked doesn't matter. What does matter is that the violent nature of the crime should horrify everyone. Violence against both genders still exists, but why?

Sometimes I wish my parents had taught me how to defend myself and sometimes I wish others had taught their children that violence is unacceptable, whether you are a man or a woman.

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Keeping Conestoga College connected

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Smokers aren't worried

By Sherri Osment

A majority of students polled in a random survey on Jan. 13, at Conestoga College say that Waterloo Region's new no-smoking bylaw has had a positive effect on them.

The bylaw prohibits smoking in bars, restaurants, bingo halls and coffee shops.

Jon Olinski, a business management studies student, says the bylaw permits his girlfriend, who is allergic to smoke, to go out to bars more often.

"It's about time, it's a step forward," Olinski says, but adds that in some bars the bylaw is not being enforced.

"If they don't start properly enforcing it (the bylaw), it's going to get worse."

Marko Jurisic, a materials management student, is a non-smoker, who says people are still smoking in bars.

"Quite frankly I don't mind too much," Jurisic says. "I think the bylaw is unjust, I don't think it's fair."



Jurisic

Has the smoking ban affected you?

Sheri Downton, a recreation and leisure student says, "In restaurants I totally understand because I hate it when people smoke in my face when I'm eating."



Downton

However Downton doesn't agree with the bylaw when applied to bars.

"Even people that don't smoke end up smoking when they're drinking anyway," Downton says.

Lesley Bott, a nursing student, is asthmatic and says she thinks the bylaw will be good for her.



Bott

"If I go out in public areas I really notice the smoke, it gets to me," Bott says. "I think people are just going to have to wake up and realize it

affects a lot of people."

Emily Bowman says the bylaw has helped her to quit smoking.

"When I go out I can't smoke so there's no point," says the general business student.

"It's a hassle, I don't like going outside to smoke."

Kathryn Westley, a nursing student, is hoping to kick the habit as well.

"I actually think it (the bylaw) is good because I want to quit smoking. It helps. If I'm in a bar or a restaurant I can't have one so it's a lot easier," Westley says.

Angela Button, a law and security administration student, says that in bars she has gone to there are bouncers who don't enforce the bylaw.



Westley



Button

Button says she doesn't think the bouncers should enforce the bylaw.

"It's not their job and a lot of them don't agree with it either," she said.

Jeff Weber, a graphic design student and a smoker, says the bylaw hasn't had a big impact on him because it's not being enforced.

"It hasn't affected me," Weber says, "especially at bars because the people that own the bars don't really care."

Weber adds that he doesn't think non-smokers who go to bars care if people are smoking in the bar.



Weber

Don't panic

Feb. 8 there will be a realistic accident scenario at the Doon campus. It is part of an exercise involving a number of programs. Watch for it!

OVERCOMING PUBLIC SPEAKING ANXIETY

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Correction

In articles written by Anna Sajfert in the Dec. 6 and Jan. 10 issues of Spoke regarding the computer business Technologies Unbound Inc., discrepancies were brought to our attention in a letter from Rudy Hofer, a professor in electronics engineering technology.

He states:

The students running the business Technologies Unbound did not supply him with a phone number that customers could call to reach them or inform him that they were still in business.

The cabinet Bob Coons and Hofer opened belonged to the IEEE and they were not searching for receipts relating to the business carried on by Technologies Unbound. Hofer claims they were identifying the assets of the IEEE.

And he says the IEEE room was locked to ensure an orderly transition from use by the Solar Car team back to IEEE functions.

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First vehicle theft of the year

By Sherri Osment

The first vehicle theft of the year at Conestoga College occurred the day students returned to school after the Christmas break.

A pickup truck belonging to a Conestoga student was stolen from Parking Lot 12 between noon and 3 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10.

Another vehicle that had been stolen from the Brantford area was left behind in the lot.

The pickup that was stolen from the campus was found Jan. 11 outside Brantford. The vehicle had been burned.

In 1999 there were seven vehicles stolen from various lots on campus. Another vehicle was stolen from Lot 10 and later returned to the lot.

Al Hunter, supervisor of security

services, said the main targets of vehicle theft on campus are pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles.

Hunter said there doesn't seem to be a pattern of specific days with either vehicle thefts or break-ins. They can occur on any day of the week. However, there are lots that seem to be targeted.

"If we had to pick two lots where we had the most activity, I would say 10 and 12," Hunter said. He added most of the thefts occur between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Campus security patrols the lots during the day and students from the walk-safe program patrol them from 6:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

John Tribe, of the college's security staff, said he thinks the students from the walk-safe program are doing a good job.

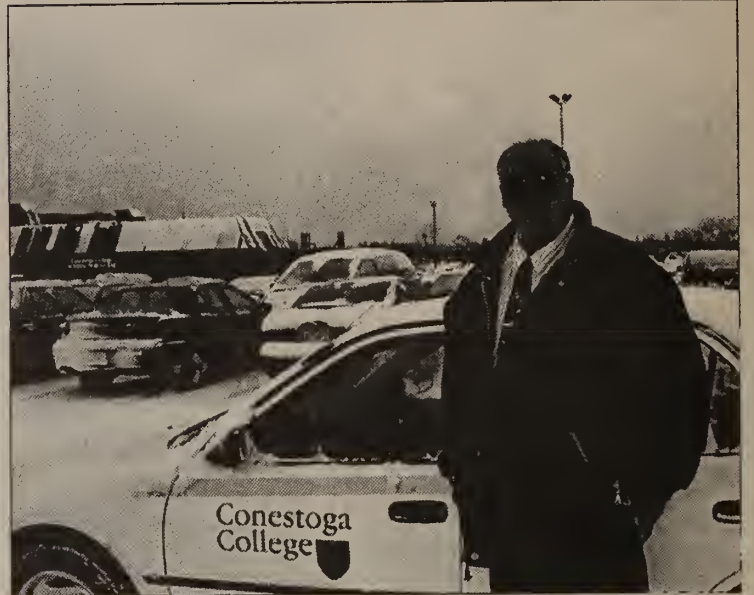
"They have probably prevented a

lot of things happening," Tribe said. "With preventative patrols you don't know whether you're accomplishing anything or not except by what doesn't happen."

Hunter said it is difficult to protect against vehicle theft, but he suggested taking precautions like not leaving valuables, such as cellular phones, in a vehicle.

Hunter also recommended taking removable faceplates for stereos out of the vehicle. There are more instances of vehicle break-in than vehicle theft on campus and valuables left in sight might increase the risk of a break-in.

"If students are out and about and they are suspicious at all of someone's activities, trust your instincts, let us know right away," Hunter said. "The best protection is to be alert and look out for each other."



John Tribe of Conestoga's college security, patrols the parking lots to help prevent thefts.

(Photo by Sherri Osment)

CBSA buys \$5,000 Power Point projector

By Tannis Fenton

The Conestoga Business Students Association (CBSA) executive members announced the purchase of a Power Point projector to the class representatives in attendance at the bi-monthly meeting of the association Jan. 13.

The projector was purchased in October and cost \$5,000. Conestoga College donated the computer needed to use the projector, which consists of a monitor, keyboard and hard drive.

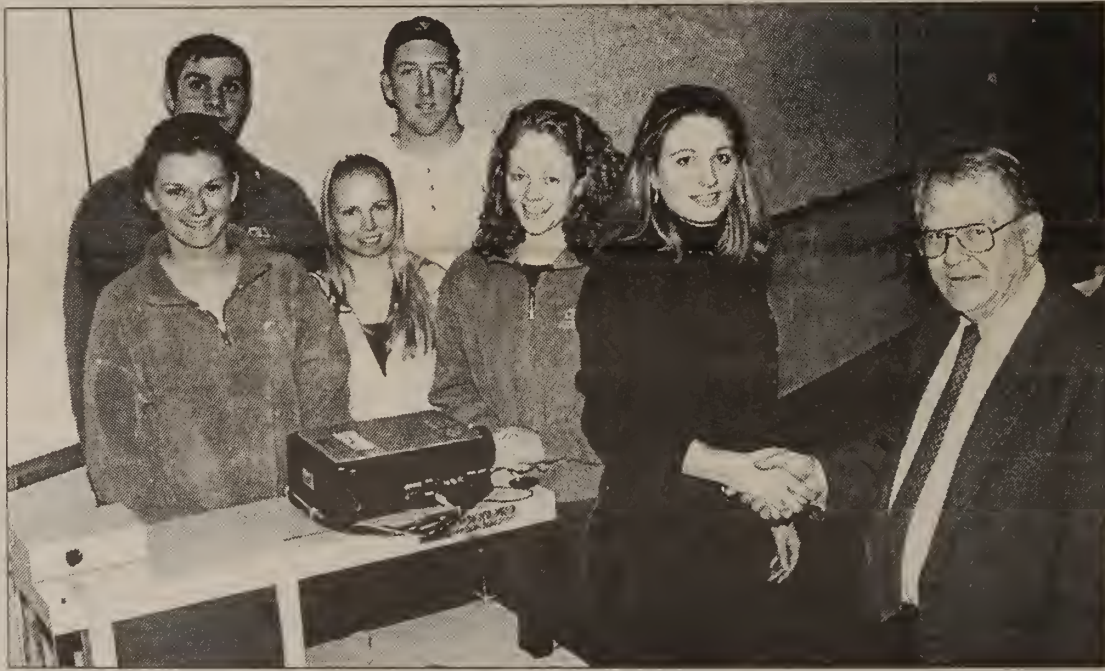
Grant McGregor, college principal and dean of academic research and educational services, organized the donation.

Only business students can use the Power Point projector, which is also known as a digital video projector.

Students have to sign out the projector with their student card from the CBSA office in 1D14D.

Teresa Bricker, CBSA promotions co-ordinator, said the Power point projector will be useful for students' presentations.

In other business, CBSA president Lisa Cashmore announced the opening of nominations for the



CBSA executive members are shown with Grant McGregor (right), college principal and dean of academic research and educational services and the new Power Point machine. McGregor helped organize the computer donation. The CBSA bought the Power Point projector. CBSA members are, left to right: Katie Henhoeffter (vice-president), Andreas Kyriacou (computer liaison), Teresa Bricker (promotions co-ordinator), Trevor Topping (treasurer), Christa Bilton (communications co-ordinator) and Lisa Cashmore (president).

(Photo by Tannis Fenton)

CBSA executive.

Cashmore said the entire CBSA executive will be replaced because they are all graduating.

Executive positions include president, vice-president, communications co-ordinator, promotions co-ordinator, computer liaison and treasurer.

Cashmore encouraged everyone to run for a position and said being on the CBSA executive council is

a great experience and a good opportunity.

Nominees must declare at the CBSA office by Jan. 27 and start attending CBSA meetings.

Elections will be held Feb. 10.

The business awards banquet, which will be held on April 11 or 13, was also discussed at the meeting.

Andreas Kyriacou, CBSA computer liaison, said a Power Point slide presentation will be used to show award nominees, which will save time.

Plans for the year's first Biz Bash were discussed. The bash, which has a Valentine's Day and swing dance theme, will be held on Feb. 10 at Stages nightclub in Kitchener.

The CBSA also announced plans for the Chocolate Blitz, a CBSA fund-raising event to sell remaining chocolate bars left over from a fund-raiser, that took place from Jan. 18 to Jan. 20.

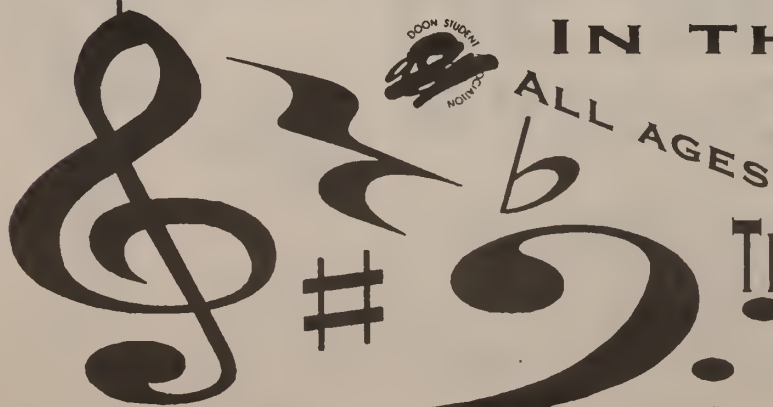
The chocolate bars were originally sold from September to November 1999 as a CBSA fund-raiser.

Those still interested in purchasing the bars can do so for \$2 each or \$5 for three at the CBSA office.

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Bylaw a daunting task to enforce

Some eatery owners turn blind eye

By Mike Radatus

The new no-smoking bylaw is being enforced a couple different ways: turning a blind eye to the smokers or putting them outside.

Restaurants visited by Spoke have obeyed the bylaw and have eliminated their smoking section, and it has done little to hurt the business in the restaurants.

Joanne Taylor, a bartender at Kelsey's in Kitchener, said the no-smoking law has done nothing but improve the atmosphere of the restaurant.

"I like it better because it has created a more clean environment. Nobody is blowing smoke on you and I don't go home stinking like smoke every night," she said.

The majority of customers are good about not smoking inside, but a few people think the bylaw is a violation of their rights.

Taylor said one man started to smoke and when he was asked to put it out or go outside he became irate.

"He said he was from a communist country and the bylaw was worse. After he went out for a smoke he was better," she said.

Ryan Whitman, a host at Casey's in Kitchener, said he believes that it will take time for people to get used to the bylaw, but eventually it will be no big deal.

"It hasn't hit people yet. They still ask for smoking tables and it's hard to get out of the habit of being able to smoke in public places," he said.

Whitman said it was easier for restaurants to eliminate smoking sections because they deal with food and families, but bars will have a real hard time enforcing the bylaw.

"At the Walper Pub they have more of a night scene so it's harder. When I was there (after New Year's) they had bowls with candles in the middle and sand all around the candle. There were a lot of butts in that bowl," he said.

"With the number of people that go out to bars, it is impossi-

ble to make sure people don't light up," he said.

Derek Rousey, a National Grocer's employee, was at Phil's on Jan. 14 and was one of many people smoking in the bar.

"So many people still smoke at bars. This isn't the only one people smoke at, every bar is like this," he said.

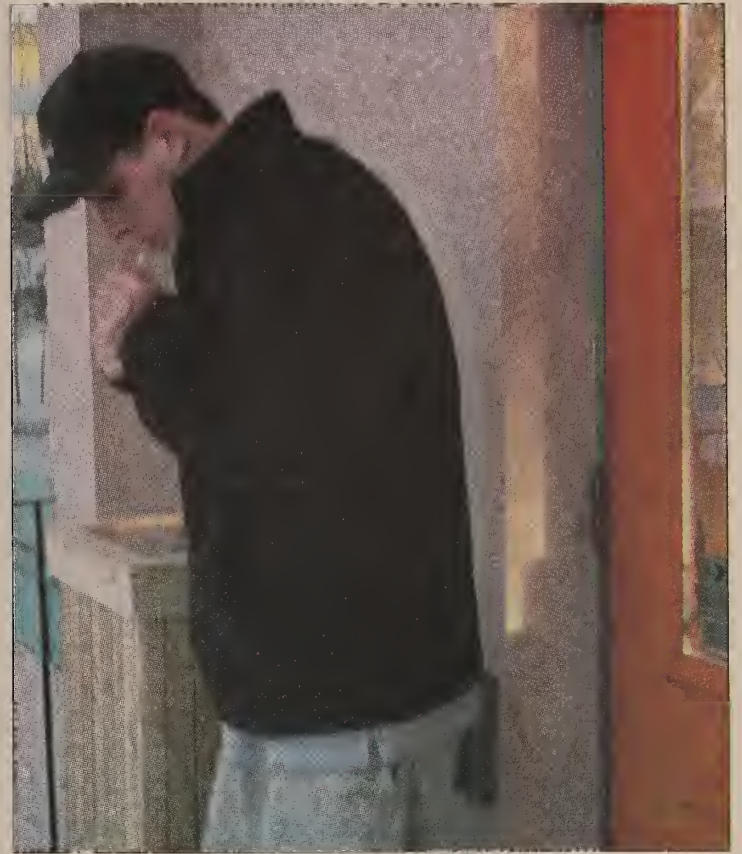
Rousey said that when a bouncer walks by he might tell you to put it out, but most of the bouncers pretend they don't see smokers.

"The bars are not responsible and don't get fined so all they can do is tell people they aren't supposed to smoke," he said.

Some think the bylaw will be more strictly monitored in the future.

"I heard that come Wednesday (Jan. 19) bylaw officers will be going into places and starting to crack down," Taylor said.

"People in bars will eventually get a surprise when they get a ticket for smoking. Right now it sounds unlikely, but in a few months maybe," Whitman said.



Robert Craine goes outside of Kelsey's Restaurant at Fairview Mall in Kitchener to smoke a cigarette. The new smoking bylaw eliminated smoking sections in eating establishments.

(Photo by Mike Radatus)

DSA election packages ready

By Mike Radatus

The DSA is offering a package outlining policies and procedures for those who wish to be nominated for the DSA executive.

Elections for positions on the new executive will be held Feb. 15-17.

The applications for nominees for president, vice-president of operations, vice-president of student affairs and vice-president of education were available at the DSA office beginning Jan. 17.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 28. Any nominations after that date will not be eligible.

A candidates' meeting will be held Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room in the Sanctuary.

In order to become a candidate for president, a student must have at least one year's experience as a DSA director or officer.

To qualify for the other positions on the executive, a student must submit an official transcript showing his/her current academic standing and a 65 per cent average or better in previous semesters.

Posting of campaign materials and campaigning will begin Jan. 28 at 2:30 p.m. and finish Feb. 11.

All campaigning must be done in a manner that doesn't harm the DSA, Conestoga College or any other reputation or property. Any reference to race, creed, colour or sexual orientation will not be tolerated on any campaign material. Slandorous material or remarks will result in disqualification.

All students are eligible to vote for the new executive Feb. 15-17 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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DSA party gets 'Loose'

By Mike Radatus

The DSA held their first party of the millennium at Loose Change Louie's Jan. 14.

For \$2 students could take a bus from the residence to Loose Change Louie's and return to residence at the end of the night.

Conestoga College students had priority at the club that night and if they presented their student cards, they didn't have to wait in line.

The Conestoga College students' VIP status didn't last all night. The majority of students came on the bus, so they were the attended

guests.

Students who came late were not guaranteed entrance because the club cannot exceed its capacity allowed by law.

Pat Powers, a manager of the club, who was interviewed before the event, said he hadn't expected a larger crowd than normal, but said the energy should be more present since it is an organized event.

"When the DJ says something about Conestoga there will be 100 people screaming so there will be more energy," he said.

Claire Jacques, an early childhood education student, said she

liked the idea of having a dance party at Louie's.

"I like it here because it's small and it gets packed. Usually I hate waiting in line, but that wasn't a problem tonight," she said.

However, not all students had as much fun as she did.

Adam Romagnoli, a construction engineering technology student, said he would have had more fun if the DSA would've held the event at a different bar.

"It's like they turned a McDonald's into a night club, and all the people that come here think they're too cool for coco-puffs," he said.



Batman makes a special appearance at Conestoga's party at Loose Change Louie's Jan. 13

(Photo Mike Radatus)

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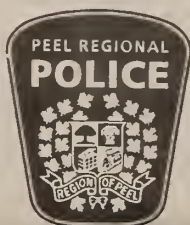
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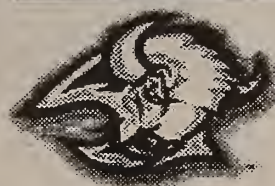
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Alumni: building positive relations

By Nicole Furlong

With over 30,000 alumni who have graduated from Conestoga College, the alumni association has their work cut out for them.

The volunteer organization goes to great lengths to track alumni and be of assistance to students currently enrolled.

Monica Himmelman, the founding president of the alumni association and an alumni services officer, said the most important service her department provides is building positive relationships with graduates and students, as well as acting as a liaison.

"I see my job as being a positive ambassador for the college and graduates of the college," she said.

Himmelman added the relationship with students is incredibly important because after graduation they become alumni. She said she wants students to feel comfortable with the staff of the alumni association in order to be knowledgeable about how to attain help if they need it after leaving Conestoga.

The college's alumni services department provides several services such as grad tracking, which is keeping track of what former Conestoga students go on to do with their lives, as well as producing transcripts and providing insurance coverage and resume referral service for the college grads.

Himmelman said Conestoga grads are situated all over the

world. She cited examples of students who are working in Africa and Third World countries to show the diverse possibilities Conestoga students have.

Himmelman said alumni services is accessible to students and will react and respond to students' and grads' needs whenever possible.

She would also like to broaden the range of work the alumni association does to include making contacts with high school students.

"Initiation really starts with high school students," she said. "We'd like to get out there and let students and parents know what services we can offer them and make initial contacts."

Himmelman added it's a way for students to learn who to go to for help when they are getting ready to fly Conestoga's coop and enter the real world.

The organization does as much as possible to get its name out to students, as many students aren't even aware of the services available to them, although they are required to pay a one-time fee of \$24.75 for alumni services in the first semester of school.

Convocation is the primary way alumni services makes themselves recognizable selling items such as frames for diplomas and roses. The alumnist of distinction award is also presented at convocation.

The award, which receives nominations in February, is a way to recognize successful graduates.

Each year a nomination committee is created by alumni services and a recipient is chosen from each program. They receive an award and recognition from the association. Then they become nominees for the Premiers Award, which serves the same purpose at the provincial level.

Himmelman said to date a grad from Conestoga has not received the Premiers Award.

The association holds SWAK Day, which stands for sealed with alumni kisses, where the department sells carnations.

"We make very little money from this," Himmelman said. "We mainly do it to build awareness."

She added all profits made are

given back to the college in the way of sponsorships and bursaries.

The graduation rate for students finding work within their area of study is quite high at Conestoga, specifically in the school of business and health science programs.

For 1998, the school of business had 322 grads available to work after receiving their diploma. Of that number 251 found jobs related to courses they took at Conestoga.

Similarly, the health science department had 289 graduates available for work, and 237 found related work.

These are impressive numbers by any means, said Himmelman

who added there are a number of outstanding grads who have graduated from the college.

For example, Val Cole of the CHYM FM radio station is a Conestoga graduate, as well as Jeff Hutchison, host of Canada AM.

The alumni association publishes a biannual magazine called Connections, which profiles grads and faculty and promotes awareness of the services available to Conestoga alumni.

The magazine is mailed out to all alumni and is a great way for grads to stay abreast of success stories of former classmates and keep a connection with the college.

Claiming a prize



Craig Nowak picks a prize during a raffle Jan. 11. The raffle was just one of the events that was put on by Tanya Foubert, Cory Watson and Keith Ward for their fellow electronic engineering technology students.

(Photo by Laura Czekaj)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER: Finances

Are financial pressures creating stress for you? Is it difficult to concentrate on studying because you're not sure if you can pay the rent or buy groceries this month? There are a number of things you can do to help ease your financial worries.

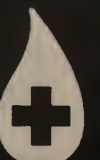
If your financial situation has changed, check with the Financial Aid office to see if you can have your OSAP entitlement reassessed. They also have information on bursaries. The Conestoga College bursary is available to all students. There may be some other bursaries and scholarships available for students in specific programs. Scholarships and awards available for students in each program are listed in the Student Procedures Guide you received at the beginning of the school year. Another way to relieve the pressure is through part-time employment. Opportunities for employment may be available at the college through the work/study program, including working as a peer tutor. Service clubs and churches also provide supports.

If you're having more immediate needs, Student Services can provide a limited number of grocery vouchers and provide access to the College/DSA-sponsored food bank.

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Makes you go hmm?

Magnolia intriguing

By Donna Ryves

Life is as much about chance and irony as it is about having power and control. At least this is the message in Paul Thomas Anderson's film *Magnolia*.

The all-star cast includes Tom Cruise (*Eyes Wide Shut*), Julianne Moore (*Boogie Nights*), Jason Robards, John C. Reilly and Jeremy Blackman.

The three-hour movie can best be described as a collection of vignettes, but there are several plots tied into one story.

The characters attempt to correct their future but first they have to face their past. The movie says it best: "We may be through with the past but the past ain't through with us."

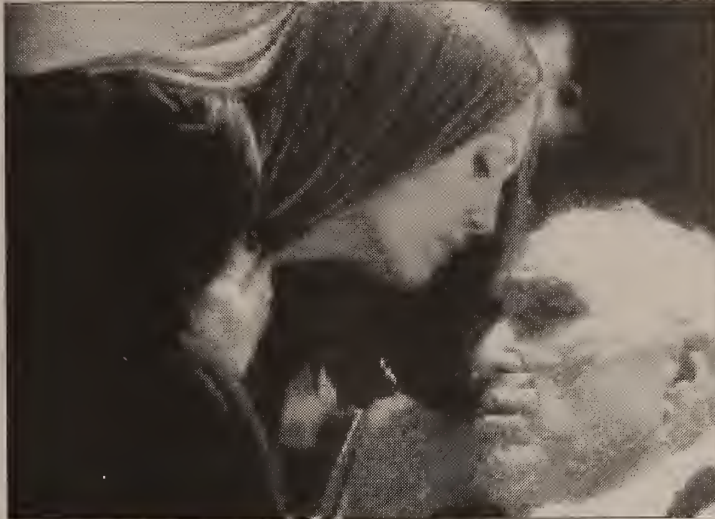
Mood-setting music is consistently used to reveal the depths of the plot's turmoil.

Characters include an infomercial host, a dying father, a strung-out gold digger, a cop looking for love and a whiz kid on a game show.

They all encounter experiences that seem highly improbable. For instance, Frank T.J. Mackey, played by Cruise, is a pumped infomercial host who coaches men on how to seduce women.

He seems like the type who believes women are mere objects, while men are the superior sex. Wrong, he respects women and hates men, especially his father.

In the end Mackey has an emo-



Linda Partridge (Moore) kisses her dying husband (Robards).

(Internet photo)

tional experience when he confronts his father.

Robards plays Mackey's dying father, who walked out on his wife and child. This forms the basis of Mackey's resentment.

Robards is married to Linda Partridge (Moore), a beautiful, younger woman, who at first is interested in her husband's money. She is also a dramatic woman who is dependent on prescription drugs. In the end she finds love for her husband.

Officer Jim Kurring (Reilly) is a cop who falls in love while on the job. He meets a young woman addicted to cocaine and ends up caring for her.

Then there's the sweet, genius boy (Blackman), who wants nothing more than to please his father but is ignored. Blackman is forced to disappoint his father when he is made to continue the game show after urinating all over himself.

It's interesting to watch all the characters connect and intensely unfold. The film forces you to examine your own life and at the same time pity theirs. The package is nicely put together with its clever graphics, photography and melodic sounds.

But the best has been saved for last: an unforgettable ending featuring a bizarre natural disaster, that makes you go hmm?

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New Doyle CD personal, reveals naked emotions

By Laura Czekaj

Damhnait Doyle is on a path of self-discovery and she's determined to bring everyone along.

The 24-year-old singer/songwriter reveals her naked emotions in her soon-to-be-released CD, *Hyperdramatic*.

The CD is a mixture of urban-inspired grooves and romantic overtones, which incorporate a variety of instruments, all of which add to her soulful lyrics.

Doyle is no rookie to the music business. Her previously released album, *Shadows Wake Me*, earned her a Juno nomination and five East Coast Music Award nominations.

Besides her unforgettable name, (pronounced Dav-Ven-net), her songs are of a kind. Her title song *Hyperdramatic*, as well as the other songs on her album, are derived from her past experiences and demonstrate a private view into her innermost thoughts.

"It's really honest," said Doyle of her album. "I shudder to think that people are going to be able to buy this record in the store, because it's like my private journal. I felt like I was writing these songs for me, and only me."

Most of the songs are based on love, ranging from gooey, in the song *Sleep Past You*, to the lustful *Tattooed*. Doyle explains her obsession with love by saying, "Love is the basis for everything. These songs are not all love-lust relationships, some are just love in terms of soulmates, friendships."

The name of the album, *Hyperdramatic*, was inspired by a comment made by Doyle's brother, when he referred to her as "hyperdramatic." Doyle describes herself as positive,

peaceful and yes, dramatic.

Trying to pinpoint her particular musical style is next to impossible. She said her music is a cross between Ben Harper and the band Garbage, yet unlike either of them. She is determined not to adhere to stereotypes.

"I have no idea how to describe my music, which I think is a good thing because I don't pigeonhole myself. God knows people are going to do that for me," she said.

People who listen to her new album will be moved by such songs as *Maybe A Son* and *Learn To Crawl*, and will hum along to (*Because I*) *Love Myself*, an anthem of independence featuring such lyrics as, "I don't want to be the one by which you count your worth. I've been owned since the day of my birth. And I say to you, I can love you more, because I love myself."

Remixed versions of *Tattooed* and *Hyperdramatic* are also available for those who enjoy a more techno beat.

Hyperdramatic, which is Doyle's first record release with EMI Music Canada, is a personal achievement for Doyle. Compared to *Shadows Wake Me*, *Hyperdramatic* is a showcase of Doyle's vocal talents and a testimonial to her growth as a singer/songwriter. Her songs contain lyrics that are extremely revealing of her personal experiences and at the same time sound oddly familiar to the casual listener.

In her song, *Sleep Past You*, she claims, "I don't know what I want," but this CD proves her wrong. Damhnait Doyle knows exactly what she wants, and she's well on her way to getting it.

Damhnait Doyle's CD *Hyperdramatic* will be released in music stores in March.

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Condors equal Exsonics in soccer

By Ray Bowe

The Conestoga Condors escaped with a 3-3 tie against the second-place Exsonics on Jan. 13, in men's premier division indoor soccer, the highest level of competition of the leagues offered at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre.

The Condors, considered a varsity team among the other recreation league teams, came out strong in the first half, as Terry Lopes blew a shot by the Exsonics goalkeeper.

The extremely vocal Exsonics knotted the score at 1-1 before they began getting into penalty trouble. The Exsonics quickly found themselves two men down, largely due to the team's constant verbal tirades directed at the referee, because they felt the penalties he called were one-sided in favour of the Condors.

On the ensuing Condor power play, striker Ilias Tsatsas netted a power-play goal to give the Condors a 2-1 lead going into the second half.

The defensive-minded Exsonics, having the least number of goals scored against in the league, came out strong to start the second half determined not to be outworked.

An Exsonic player was left



Condor Marek Idzik steals the ball from a fallen Exsonics player in a men's varsity indoor soccer game played on Jan. 13. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

(Photo by Ray Bowe)

uncovered in front of the Condors' net and swallowed up a rebound, making no mistake by depositing the ball into the upper-left corner of the net past sprawled goalkeeper Levent Sherifali. Sherifali was out of position after saving the initial shot and the Condors could not

clear the rebound.

The goal gave the Exsonics a 3-2 lead with less than four minutes to play.

Sherifali played a strong game between the posts, making key saves in the late stages of the contest.

The Condors were relentless,

aware that time was dwindling. They unloaded with an all-out offensive barrage on the Exsonics' goalkeeper.

The Condors' Zlatko Lakoseljic positioned himself in front of the Exsonics' goal.

In a mad scramble, Lakoseljic crashed the net, picking up the loose ball and over-powering the Exsonics goalkeeper with less than two minutes remaining in the game to salvage a 3-3 tie.

Under the rules, there is no

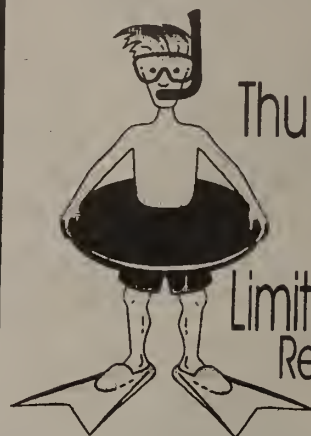
overtime period to determine a decisive winner, but Lakoseljic's late-game heroics ensured a single point in the standings.

With the tie, the Condors improved their record to 4-3-1 (win-loss-tie) in the nine-team league.

The Condors will have a rest this Thursday because they are not scheduled to play, but Jan. 27, the Condors will meet Alianza for an 8 p.m. game at the recreation centre.

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